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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN DRAFT FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 301513

1. WE HAVE DELAYED REPLYING TO REFTEL UNTIL WE HAD  
OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY DOMINICAN AGREEMENT REACHED WITH  
COLOMBIA ON THIS SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE  
DOMINICAN/COLOMBIAN AGREEMENT IS NOT RELEVANT TO OUR  
PROBLEM, IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS  
NO FIXED TERMINATION DATE.

2. WE AGREE WITH DEPT THAT THIRD APPROACH DESCRIBED  
REFTEL HOLDS BEST PROMISE TO PROMOTE U.S. INTERESTS. WE  
HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT GODR PLACED HIGHEST VALUE ON  
PERMANENT BOUNDARY AGREEMENT AND THEREFORE PREFERRED  
APPROACH MAY TURN OUT EASIEST TO NEGOTIATE, WITH ONE  
PROVISO. I UNDERSTAND THAT DEPT OR INTERAGENCY GROUP  
CONSIDERING SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN THE DOMINICAN PROPOSED  
BOUNDARY LINE IN THE AREA OF MONA ISLAND WHILE STILL  
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OFFERING GODR CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF CABO ENGANO. I  
RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEPT THE GODR PROPOSED BOUNDARY  
IN EXCHANGE FOR A PERMANENT FISHING AGREEMENT IN-  
CORPORATING ALSO THOSE CHANGES IN DRAFT TEXT PROPOSED BY DEPT IN  
REFTEL. OUR REASONS FOR THIS POSITION ARE:  
(1) GODR BOUNDARY PROPOSAL OFFERS U.S. CONSIDERABLE  
SEGMENTS OF SEA BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF MONA ISLAND WHICH

ON BASIS OF EQUIDISTANT PRINCIPLE WOULD BE DOMINICAN;  
(2) IF WE START TRYING TO MODIFY THE GODR PROPOSED  
BOUNDARY LINE AROUND MONA ISLAND (WHICH I UNDERSTAND TO  
INVOLVE ONLY SMALL AREAS), WE RUN THE CLEAR RISK OF THE  
GODR SEEKING ADJUSTMENTS NORTH AND SOUTH OF MONA ISLAND  
WHICH COULD RESULT IN OUR LOSING THE CONSIDERABLY LARGER  
AREAS WHICH THE GODR APPEARS NOW DISPOSED TO GIVE US;  
(3) ACCEPTANCE OF GODR PROPOSED BOUNDARY WOULD DISPOSE  
DOMINICAN NEGOTIATORS VARIOABLY TO OUR REQUESTS; AND  
(4) NO CHANGE IN DOMINICAN LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED  
AND THEREFORE PROCEDURES WOULD BE EASED. IN SUM. I JUDGE  
THAT WE COULD WRAP THIS ONE UP REASONABLY QUICKLY ON THE  
BASIS THAT I PROPOSE, OBTAIN CONSIDERABLE AREA OF SEA  
THAT WE MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE REASONABLY TO CHAOIM,  
AND OBTAIN PERMANENT FISHING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER CONDITIONS  
WE DESIRE.

3. I HAVE TENTATIVE MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT IN SAN JUAN  
FEBRUARY 6 AND 7 WITH ACTING GOVERNOR PANIAGUA.  
REQUEST DEPT AUTHORIZE ME PRIOR TO THAT TIME TO PUT  
FORWARD TO PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES POSITION I HAVE PROPOSED.  
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